

Position: Peer Support Specialist

Reports To: Peer Support Supervisor

Location: Recovery Resource Center and communities within the Portland Metropolitan Area

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm and occasional evenings/weekends

Wage: \$25.00/hr.

Benefits: Competitive Benefits Package

Overall Function

Going Home II provides culturally specific and relevant services to the Black and/or African American community locally. The Peer Support Specialist will identify as a person with lived experience in addictions or mental health services and have experience providing services to individuals who have or are experiencing homelessness, addictions and/or mental health challenges and are seeking services at all stages of change. The Support Specialist will support members of the community that may need a variety of services, including substance use disorder treatment, housing and employment services and recovery support services, through education, resource, and referral.

Responsibilities

- Conducts social, health and wellness screening for all new participants
- Assists clients in securing community resources and support
- Connects clients to other community resources such as recovery support meetings, medical/dental services, SNAP/TANF, etc.
- Assist program participants in the development of skills, confidence, and relationships
- Facilitate groups in an open and welcoming environment
- Help participants understand and employ recovery strategies
- Demonstrates through role-modeling, recovery practices including pro-social thinking and behavior
- Coordinates appropriate referrals as directed by the client's choice
- Works as an advocate to support client goals and recovery
- Assist client in job development & job search activities consistent with client's needs and interests
- Provide employment support services, such as employment related needs and barrier removal

- Assist clients in finding & sustaining employment
- Carries out other duties as assigned

Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of social services and SUD treatment provider practices
- Ability to relate, through lived experience, with the Black and African American community
- Experience working with individuals who are or who have recently experienced homelessness, addictions/ mental health challenges, and who may have significant barriers to accessing services
- Must be willing to embrace a self-directed approach to recovery and services
- The ability to effectively advocate client needs and willingness to educate and empower the greater social service system to expand opportunities that are healthy and safe for the Black community
- Must have a mindset that embraces individual rights, self-directed recovery and proactively advocates for participants regardless of their chosen pathway to recovery
- Computer proficiency at a level needed to effectively perform job functions such as entering and retrieving data and preparing simple reports
- Possess a valid driver's license, access to a personal vehicle, a sufficient driving history, and able to meet the minimum insurance required
- Must meet requirements to complete Peer Delivered Service trainings approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA)